



City of Scottsdale
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission
Regular Meeting

Notice and Agenda

MARKED

5:30 p.m., Thursday March 4, 2010
Granite Reef Senior Center, Room 7
1700 N.Granite Reef Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.
Quorum present.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Gerald Miller, Vice Chairperson Howard Myers, Carla, Melinda Gulick, BJ Heggli, Rand Hubbell, Deke Joralmon, Fred Klein, Linda Whitehead, Susan Wheeler

Members Present: Chairperson Gerald Miller, Vice Chairperson Howard Myers, Carla, Melinda Gulick, BJ Heggli, Rand Hubbell, Deke Joralmon, Fred Klein, Linda Whitehead

Members Absent: Susan Wheeler

3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commission Action: Information Items: Citizens may address the members of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission during Public Comment. This "Public Comment" time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. However, Arizona State Law prohibits the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commission Action: Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of the regular meeting minutes of February 4, 2010.

February 4, 2010 regular meeting minutes accepted as corrected. (Chairman Miller noted that a motion and vote were not necessary.)

6. 2010 CENSUS PRESENTATION – (Lisa Blyler)

Commission Action: Information Item: City of Scottsdale's Strategic Programs Analyst, Lisa Blyler, will present an overview of the City's Census 2010 outreach efforts and the impact to the City Scottsdale.

7. PRESERVE TAX REVIEW – (Lee Guillory)

Commission Action: Information and Discussion: City of Scottsdale's Finance Manager, Lee Guillory, will present to the Commission information and financial summary on the status of the Preserve Tax.

8. UPDATE FROM MCDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY – (Ruthie Carll)

Commission Action: Information Item: Conservancy wildlife activity update.

9. DESERT DISCOVERY CENTER CONSULTANT AND PROCESS UPDATE – (Kroy Ekblaw, B.J. Heggli, John Sather)

Commission Action: Information and Discussion:

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES & ACTIONS

Commission Action: Information and Possible Action: Updates and actions to be provided to Commission regarding the following Committees:

- Planning Committee - (Chair, Howard Myers) – Discussion includes:
 - Management Plan – Overview Plan Status
 - Newly updated Preserve Fire & Emergency Response Plan (2010)
 - Review of Commercial Use Permit latest revisions/updates.
 - Naming Recognition
- Promotion Committee - (Chair, Linda Whitehead)
- Scottsdale's General Plan (2012) – (Linda Whitehead)

Motion by Carla to direct the Planning Committee to move forward with the five items as listed by the Planning Committee Chair, knowing that they may change in priority as conditions change.

Second by Deke Joralmon

Motion passed, 7-2 with Heggli and Gulick dissenting.

Motion by Carla for the MSPC to accept the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Fire and Emergency Response Plan as outlined.

Second by Rand Hubbell

Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Motion by Deke Joralmon to approve the Commercial Permit System Policy dated March, 2010, and send to the City Council for approval, and to enact the commercial permit system thereafter.

Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Motion by Howard Myers, Second by Linda Whitehead to accept the draft policy as is for naming features, and include it as part of the management plan. Fred Klein offered an amendment with a second by BJ Heggli, requesting outside group application screening.

Motion fails, 2-5, with Chairman Miller abstaining from the vote.

Motion by Carla to send back the draft of the naming recognition policy, and incorporate that not everything needs to be named, and not everything needs to be named after people, and to bring the updated draft to a future MSPC meeting for further review.

Second by Deke Joralmon,

Motion passed, 8-1 with Heggli dissenting.

TRAIL CONNECTION BETWEEN SCOTTSDALE AND FOUNTAIN HILLS' PRESERVES

Commission Action: Information and Possible Actions: Follow-up discussion from Study Session regarding trail connections.

Motion by BJ Heggli to direct city staff to research "Segment B" with trail options and complete comprehensive analysis with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and continue communication with the Fountain Hills Preservation Commission.

Second by Fred Klein

Motion passed unanimously, 8-0. (Commissioner Carla stepped out of room)

11. PRESERVE ACQUISITION STRATEGY REPORT – (Kroy Ekblaw / Commissioners)

Commission Action: Information and Possible Actions:

12. PRESERVE REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS – (Kroy Ekblaw & Bill Murphy)

Commission Action: Information Item: Updates and actions regarding the Preserve to be provided to the Commission by:

- Preserve Land Policy and Acquisition – (Kroy Ekblaw)
- Preserve Operations – (Bill Murphy). Discussion to include:
 - Details of March tour of North Access Area on Saturday, March 20th, 9am-1pm. Meet at Gateway. Overview of tour route.
 - Challenge Update

13. QUARTERLY REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL – (Gerald Miller)

Commission Action: Information Item and Possible Direction from Commissioners.

Motion by Howard Myers to accept the Quarterly Report to City Council as amended .

Second by Melinda Gulick

Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commission Action: Information Items and possible action from Commissioners.

- Proposal for plant inventory project through ASU (Gerald Miller)
- “Preserve vs Park” Philosophy and communications – (Carla)

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commission Action: Information and Discussion: Commissioners and staff discussion on future agenda items.

Tentative items for April 1st Meeting:

- Preserve Acquisition Strategy Report – Funding alternatives
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Items for Future Meetings:

- Joint meeting with TDC and MSPC on DDC – Week of March 15th
- Steward Training (Saturday in May)
- Naming Recognition (May)

- Proposed Preserve Research Project

16. ADJOURNMENT 8:55 p.m.

Commission Action: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

The Commission cannot discuss or vote on items not on the agenda, including items brought up as Commission or public comments. If action by the Commission is required, the item should be placed on the next meeting's agenda to be consistent with the Arizona Open Meetings Law.

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